

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE  
LOK SABHA**

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MEETING OF HEALTH MINISTERS  
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**Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Union Government has convened a meeting of Health Ministers of State in Delhi recently;
- (b) if so, whether a discussion for implementation of ongoing health projects of the country was held in said meeting by inviting health experts including health ministers of foreign countries; and
- (c) the details of steps taken by the Government to make several programmes under National Health Mission and National Rural Health Mission effective and to ensure cent percent implementation of health projects in the country?

**Answer**

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) & (b): The Govt. had convened 11th Conference of the Central Council of Health & Family Welfare (CCH&FW) on 30th August, 2010 in New Delhi. All members of the Council including Minister in charge of the Ministries of Health & Family Welfare, Medical Education and Public Health in the States/Union Territories, Eminent Individuals were invited to the Conference and many of them attended the conference. Health Ministers of foreign countries are not part to the said Conference.

The Conference discussed key issues pertaining to the health sector for better implementation of the policies/ on going programmes for the benefit of the common masses in the country.

(c): The National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) aims at providing accessible, affordable, accountable, effective and quality health care services, especially to the poor and vulnerable sections of the population. It is an overarching umbrella of several Health and Family Welfare programmes including Reproductive and Child Health -II, Vector Borne Disease Control Programme, TB, Leprosy, National Programme for Control of Blindness and the Integrated Disease Surveillance Project. It also addresses the issue of health in the context of a sector wide approach encompassing sanitation and hygiene, nutrition and safe drinking water as basic determinants of good health and also advocates greater convergence with related social sector Departments like Women & Child, Panchayati Raj etc. Mainstreaming of AYUSH is also one of the strategies under the Mission.

The Government has been taking several steps for effective implementation of health programmes in the country which inter alia, include:

# Multiple monitoring mechanisms including analysis of structured monthly and quarterly reports received from States.

# Organizing periodical review meetings/Joint Review Missions.

# Conducting external surveys.

# Undertaking Common Review Missions (CRM), Joint Review Missions (JRM).

# Proper maintenance of Health Management Information System (HMIS).